

## **HB 1640-S - DIGEST**

### (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that taking legal action against a park owner for violations of the manufactured/mobile home landlord-tenant act can be a costly and lengthy process, and that many people cannot afford to pursue a court process to vindicate statutory rights. Park owners similarly are benefited by having access to a process that resolves disputes quickly and efficiently.

Declares an intent to provide a less costly and more efficient way for manufactured/mobile homeowners and park owners to resolve disputes, and to provide a mechanism for state authorities to quickly locate owners of manufactured housing communities.

Declares an intent to authorize the department of community, trade, and economic development to register mobile home parks or manufactured housing communities, conduct investigations, issue citations, issue cease and desist orders, and impose fines for violations of the manufactured/mobile home landlord-tenant act.

Requires the department to compile the most accurate list possible of all the mobile home parks or manufactured housing communities in the state, the number of lots subject to chapter 59.20 RCW located in each mobile home park or manufactured housing community, and the names and addresses of the owners of these parks. The department shall present this list to the house of representatives housing committee and the senate committee on financial institutions, housing and consumer protection by December 31, 2005. The department is encouraged to work with groups including, but not limited to: The office of community development, mobile homeowners' associations, tenant advocacy groups, park owners' associations, and county assessors to generate the list.